



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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Playing Update

1st XI

Rainham 1st XI vs. Burnham Sports 1st XI – 01/07/17

After an unbeaten June, the 1st XI travelled to Burnham to continue their outstanding form. Having won the toss, skipper Jas elected to bat but was left disappointed after having been dismissed as he began to find some rhythm. The loss of the first wicket saw Garnet Shallow (50) to the crease who built an impressive, slow and steady partnership with Biren Patel (35). Later, Sid Patel (43) managed to find the rope consistently which helped Rainham to a respectable total of 202 for 9 off their 45 overs.

Rainham's reply started well with both Jon and Dipal taking early wickets but the bowler of the day was to be leading wicket taker, Bhavik Patel (5 for 29 from 9), taking a well-deserved fifer; in fact, Bhavik's deadly bowling was enough to make a member of the opposition cry after being dismissed (a true story!!!). Tyler Bunn (2 for 11 off 2.5) then cleaned up the dabbly-dobbly tale in his short spell which left Writtle all out after 36.5 overs for a score of 102.

Rainham 1st XI vs. Stock 1st XI - 08/07/17

Another away game had Rainham travel to tough opposition, Stock. Again, the toss was won and the skipper put the team into bat and after declared to his team that 250 was the par score for this ground. However, 2 early wickets fell which encouraged Sid Patel (53) to provide the counter attack needed. Following some suicidal running between wickets, a rejuvenated Rushi Patel (52) came to the crease and made light work of the opposition's grenade thrower, making his run a ball 50 against the run of play. Nikhil Patel's (18) and Dipal Patel's (16) late hitting fired Rainham to a reputable score of 229 all out after 45 overs.

In response, Dipal Patel's (3 for 26 off 8) unplayable spell set the tone for Rainham's day in the field as wickets fell quickly and consistently. On came Tyler Bunn (2 for 35 from 6) who utilised his seam bowling on a green pitch to great effect as did Bhavik Patel (4 for 11 off 3) who further added to his long list of wickets. Stock finished all out after 21 overs for a total of 94 runs. Another game won by over 100 runs for the 1st XI.

Rainham 1st XI vs. Hornchurch Athletic 1st XI – 15/07/17

On a wet, miserable day, Rainham's 1st XI were to play host to local rivals, Hornchurch Athletic and having lost the toss were made to bat. The day's proceedings started well as the 2 openers, Jas Hothi (34) and Biren Patel (20) battled for their runs on a difficult deck. Only Garnet Shallow (33) managed to add some runs to the board as the middle and tale order collapsed around him leaving Rainham with 139 runs for 9.

A big bowling and fielding performance was needed in order to defend the total, and after the opposition's top 3 batsmen were out with less than 70 runs on the board, Rainham's bowlers stepped up a gear to show their quality. It was Jon O'Neill (3 for 23 off 9) who lead the attack with Tyler Bunn (2 for 12 off 4) continuing his good form with the ball. Part-timer Garnet Shallow (2 for 7 off 5) was finally given the nod to bowl for the first time of the season and brilliantly helped to restrict Hornchurch to 110 for 9 in 45 overs. This win saw the 1st XI to the top of the league for the first time this year.

Rainham 1st XI vs. Writtle 1st XI – 22/07/17

Rained off. No result.



Tom, Biren and Tyler discuss the 4 overs of cricket played. Some more happy than others.

Rainham 1st XI vs. Great Totham 1st XI – 29/07/17

With heavy downpour predicted, the 1st XI knew how important the toss would be. Unfortunately, the toss was lost and Rainham were made to bat first. In spitting rain, run scoring was made difficult with only 3 players amassing any notable scores: Biren Patel (23), Jon O'Neill (35) and Ronnie Jackson (33*). This left the team all out after 40.3 overs with a score of 150. As the rain continued, the opposition showed little interest in reaching the chase and began playing for rain. After 18 overs, Great Totham had had enough as they left the pitch and didn't return on a score of 44 for 4. Tyler Bunn (3 for 13 off 7) being the star bowler.

Batting	Bowling
S. Patel vs. Stock - 53	Bh. Patel vs. Burnham – 5/29/9
R. Patel vs. Stock - 52	Bh. Patel vs. Stock – 4/11/3
G. Shallow vs. Burnham - 50	T. Bunn vs. G. Totham – 3/13/7

2nd XI

Rainham 2nd XI vs. Hornchurch Athletic 2nd XI – 01/07/17

No match information available.

Rainham 2nd XI vs. Ingatestone 2nd XI – 08/07/16

No match information available.

Rainham 2nd XI vs. Great Wakering 1st XI – 15/07/17

No match information available.

Rainham 2nd XI vs. Writtle 2nd XI – 22/07/17

No match information available.

Rainham 2nd XI vs. Rayne 1st XI – 29/07/17

No match information available.

Batting	Bowling

3rd XI

Rainham 3rd XI vs. Rankins 2nd XI – 01/07/17

No match information available.

Rainham 3rd XI vs. Great Burstead 2nd XI – 08/07/17

No match information available.

Rainham 3rd XI vs. Willow Herb 2nd XI – 15/07/17

A strong team was selected for another tough match at Thames. Rainham batted first and openers Joe Attfield (79) and George Light (49) built a solid partnership until George's wicket fell just 1 run away from his 50. Joe continued to pile on the runs alongside Ian Little (25) and Mick Clifford (18*) which fired the 3rd XI to a dominating total of 216 for 5. Willow Herb struggled from the off to maintain the run rate needed and when first change Adam Savery (4 for 22 off 7) came on, the pressure of the scoreboard showed as he picked up 4 wickets. The remaining wickets were shared between the 7 bowlers used with even Joe Attfield picking up a wicket to dismiss the opposition for 129 after 39 overs.

Rainham 3rd XI vs. Canvey Island 2nd XI – 22/07/17

No match information available.

Rainham 3rd XI vs. Chignal 1st XI – 29/07/17

No match information available.

Batting	Bowling
J.Attfield vs. Willow Herb - 79	A. Savery vs. Willow Herb – 4/22/7
G. Light vs. Willow Herb – 49	
I. Little vs. Willow Herb - 25	

Sunday 1st XI

Rainham Sunday 1st XI vs. Hainault & Clayhall – 02/07/17

A crunch match for the Sunday side as they play strong Hainault at the Spring Farm fortress. Skipper, Nikhil Patel won the toss and elected to bat. Scoring started slowly as Sid Patel (29) mustered up some runs alongside Bhavick Patel (22). This was of course until Jon O’Neill (77) came to the crease and began to fire allowing Rainham to finish on a healthy score of 219. In reply, Hainault’s long list of sloggers failed to score due to superb bowling from young opener, Ben Little (4 for 16 off 6). Bowlers Nikhil Patel (2 for 19 off 4), Umer Khan (2 for 23 off 4.3) and Jas Hothi (2 for 5 off 3) all picked up a couple of wickets each which had the opposition all out 65 from 17.3 overs.

Rainham Sunday 1st XI vs. Rose and Crown 1st XI – 30/07/17

No statistics available. Rainham batted first amassing a total of 141 for 10 from 38 overs and they bowled out Rose and Crown for 109 in the 33rd over.

Batting	Bowling
J. O’Neill vs. Hainault - 77	B. Little vs. Hainault – 4/16/6

T20 XI

Rainham T20 XI vs. Loughton T20 XI – 06/07/17

For the last group stage match, the T20 XI needed a win if they wished to progress to the knock out rounds. The captain won the toss and chose to bat as Jas Hothi (12) and Jon O’Neill (35) kept the score board ticking throughout their partnership. Runs were hard to find as Loughton fielded and bowled well as only Ronnie Jackson (12) and Nikhil Patel (12) managed to score above 10 runs. Rainham finished on a score of 118 for 9 in their 20 overs.

Less than a run a ball was needed by the opposition if they wished to cause an upset in the Rainham camp yet this task was made increasingly difficult as dot ball after dot ball the required run rate crept higher and higher. Jon O’Neill (3 for 19 off 4) lead the way assisted by Charlie Puncher (2 for 21 off 4) who was eager to put his platinum duck behind him. The game came down to the last ball whereby Loughton needed a boundary to secure the victory. Death bowler specialist, Ronnie Jackson (1 for 17 off 4) made sure this was not the case as Rainham restricted the opposition to a score of 115 for 7.



The calm before the storm.



The storm has arrived.

Batting	Bowling
J. O'Neill vs. Loughton - 35	J. O'Neill vs. Loughton – 3/19/4
	C. Puncher vs. Loughton – 2/21/4

U19 XI

Rainham U19 XI vs. Oakfield Parkonians U19 XI – 04/07/17

No match information available.

Rainham U19 XI vs. Goresbrook U19 XI – 05/07/17

With the absence of captain Charlie Puncher, skippering duties were handed to Tom Herbert for the 3rd U19 T20 away to Goresbrook. Having won the toss, Rainham elected to bat and got off to a flyer with Will Knowlden (16) and Ronnie Jackon (16) hitting early boundaries. 3 quick wickets later, Tom Herbert (28) and Joe Attfield (17) began rebuilding as a typical U19 collapse always was at the back of their minds. This was not to be the case however with fellow mid order batsmen Ben Little (28) and Abdal Altaf (27) showed their swagger with the bat playing some aggressive strokes. The youngsters finishing on 151 for 6 in their 20 overs.

With more than a run a ball needed, Rainham knew if they were to win they must protect the boundaries at all costs and they did so brilliantly with courageous fielding throughout. Tyler Bunn (2 for 25 from 4) lead the way with the ball alongside Umer Ellahi (2 for 12 from 2) bowling tight and picking up invaluable wickets along the way. Ultimately, Goresbrook were restricted to 143 for 6 which puts Rainham into the driving seat to progress to the knock out stages for the 2nd year running.

U15 XI

No matches this month for the under 15s, which just leaves 2 more fixtures against Hornchurch and Uppingham in August.

U13 XI

After 3 successive defeats in the Havering League it has been a complete turnaround for the under 13s during the month of July (Whether this was down to the training session attended by Sid and Biren is debateable). First up was a mid-week away match against Gidea Park with Alfie Stouchbury and Charlie Vickers getting the 13s off to a good start before Charlie was bowled behind his legs. Excellent support from Bobby Little ensured Alfie retired not out on 30. Bobby was next to go, scoring 11, which brought Kyan and Flynn to the wicket, with Kyan making scoring 32 not out and Flynn hitting a few lusty blows before being bowled for 11, which took the team total to 119 for 4.

Gidea Park also got off to a good start with one opener retiring on 30 and the other in double figures and then Jay Shipton took a couple of quick wickets, a stumping from Alfie and a catch by Kyan. Kyan also took a couple of wickets and a run out by Flynn restricted Gidea Park to 94, as the 13s recorded their first Havering League win in 2017. Special mention to Holly Vickers who fielded excellently along with Jay Shipton, Sumrik and Hayden Musham.



The under 13s enjoy their victory at Gidea Park

In the same week was a Friday night home match, which was well attended by many club members, which seemed to inspire Kyan as he took a hat-trick in his first over that set the tone of an upbeat under 13s. Great support in the bowling department from Jahanzab Khan, Louis Smith, Alfie Stouchbury and a run out from Bobby Little, ensured Hornchurch were dismissed for 67.

A shaky start as Rainham lost a couple of early wickets, but then a great partnership from bobby Little 14 and Kyan 28 steered Rainham to victory by 6 wickets.

Just one more fixture for the under 13s, which is Harold Wood in the Havering League.

U12 XI

The final Peter Coe cup match was against Ilford at Springy where Ilford won the toss and chose to bat, whose classy openers got them off to a blistering start, with one going on to make 50. After the 25 overs Ilford had scored 156 for 5, with Alfie taking 2 wickets and a run out and Leo taking 1 wicket and taking a blinding catch in the covers.

In response Rainham were bowled out for 64 with Alfie top scoring on 20 and Louis scoring 9.

The campaign was played 7 won 2, abandoned 1 and lost 4, but again great experience for the boys playing against a good standard of young cricketers.

Well done to Jay and Warren for managing the team again this year.

U11 XI

Another busy month for the under 11s and a bonus of an influx of new players to make the squad up to 18 available for selection, which now gives the team manager the headache of deciding who to leave out.

Five successive defeats for the under 11s, but improvement in every match was the record going into the Havering League match at Harold Wood. Playing against mainly under 12 girls, Rainham lost the toss and were asked to bowl. Playing on an artificial strip, which didn't offer much for the bowlers, Rainham had to stick to their task by bowling straight and fielding well. Some big hitting from the Harold Wood girls ensured the scoreboard kept ticking over at regular intervals. A run out from Joe Parsons and maiden wickets from Louis Merry and Holly Vickers, with assistance from Alfie Clark and Jay Shipton could not prevent Harold Wood from posting a healthy 296.

Great debuts from Billy Barland and Aaditya Rakesh ensured they scored their first runs and continual improvement from Louis Merry ensured Rainham were just under the required run rate. The final partnership saw Leo and Alfie Clark come to the crease with 16 still required for a win. An excellent partnership with Leo contributing 23 and Alfie 11 saw Rainham post 317 for their first Havering League win

Next was a friendly against a Wanstead Development under 11 at Springy.

Rainham batted first as Leo continued his good form with another 23 runs who had a good partnership with Joe Parsons. The final partnership of Alfie Clark and Alex saw some excellent running and calling as they added 9 and 4 respectively. Fraser also continued some good form with the bat scoring 6 not out in a final total of 289 for 5.

Wanstead's reply saw everyone one of the Rainham fielders on their game, which resulted in 5 run outs by Alex, Leo, Fraser Oates, Charlie Sutton and Jay Shipton getting one a piece. Alex also took a catch and took 2 wickets as he led the way in the field, with great support from Charlie and Fraser who both took one wicket each, as Wanstead posted 252 for 9 in reply and a second consecutive win and continual improvement for the under 11s.



The under 11s celebrate their win
against Wanstead

The final match of the month was another Havering league match against Upminster B and what a match!

Upminster were put into bat by Captain Leo after a heavy night of rain. The sharp fielding continued with another 3 run outs from Fraser, Alex and Leo plus wickets from Louis Merry, a debut wicket from Billy Barland, one for Leo and 2 from Joe Parsons ensured Upminster were kept to 255 for 8. A big

improvement from Louis Hardy in his 2 overs and the only maiden of the innings was bowled by Cassie Doyle.

Rainham's response was steady with Aaditya looking elegant scoring 6 and excellent support from Cassie, Louis, Joe, Fraser and Alfie too the score to 217 for 7 in the 16th over. This brought the final partnership of Leo and Alex who kept us all on the edge of our seats as they ate away at the 39 run deficit. Great running and excellent batting saw Leo score 18 and Alex 14 to win by 1 run off the last ball of the match. There were no finger nails left from all supporters to this exciting and tense finish.

All Stars Cricket

Due to the success of the All Stars programme we will be adding two free of charge sessions to the programme on 31st July and 21st August, so

Mini Matchplay Festival at Essex CCC

For the third year in a row we have entered the mini matchplay festival for under 11s that is played at the home of Essex CCC in Chelmsford. Our day will be on Wednesday 9th August starting at approx. 6pm, so make a note in your diary to come and support this year's participants, which will be Charlie Sutton, Fraser Oates, Leo Fevzi-Hunt, Louis Merry, Jay Shipton, Elsie Orwell, Govind Singh, Billy Barland and Luis Hardy.

England Disability Tri-Series

Rainham's Ronnie Jackson was selected to represent England Learning Disability in the tri-series which saw him play against Australia and South Africa in both 40 over and T20 format. Unfortunately, there is no match statistics available on the ECB website for the matches but it is needless to say that Ronnie has done RCC proud in his achievements. The England side won both the 40 over and the T20 competition with Ronnie being named the bowler of the tournament for the T20. Highlight videos and reactions can all be found on <https://www.ecb.co.uk/england/disability>.

Congratulations Ronnie.





Caribbean Night

July saw another fantastic social night in the Caribbean themed night. Prizes were up for grabs with Debbie and Keith Light winning the fancy dress and bagging themselves a tea for 2 at Marco Pierre White Michelin star restaurant. In second place was Pete Reynolds who happily accepted his £10 bar voucher spending it swiftly. The night's main event, karaoke, followed. Questionable singing was on show throughout the night however Rachel Spear's singing outshone all her competitors as she accepted her £10 bar voucher. In close second came Harry Light who won a £5 voucher.







UPCOMING EVENTS

This is one for your calendars and one which is certainly not to be missed. Rainham's infamous 80s night which offers Pete Reynolds the opportunity to finally dress appropriately for the decade. Remember your shoulder pads as we dance the night away with classic 80s music prepared by our very own DJ B PAT. Join us down the clubhouse on the 12th August for what is promised to be an unforgettable night.

A promotional poster for an 80s Disco Night event. The background features a colorful halftone dot pattern in shades of green, yellow, orange, and purple. In the top right corner, there is a yellow sailboat logo on a blue square. The main text is in a large, white, bubbly font with a purple outline. Below the main title, the date is written in a similar font. A central photograph shows three men in 80s-style clothing: one with a red headband and sunglasses, one in a bright green shiny shirt, and one in a light blue shirt. At the bottom, the time and location are listed in the same bubbly font, followed by the phrase 'Fancy Dress Optional' in a smaller, italicized font.

80's Disco Night

12TH AUGUST

8pm @ THE CLUBHOUSE!

Fancy Dress Optional

President's Day

The infamous President's day will be held on 27th August. The day's events are as followed.

09:00 – 12:00: U11 XI vs. U13 XI.

12:00 – 12:30: Draw for President vs. Chairman match.

12:30 – 16:00: President's XI vs. Chairman's XI.

14:00: Ladies Baseball match and throwing competition.

16:15 – 19:15: Lads vs. Dads match.

20:00 – 00:00: DJ

Throughout the day hog roast will be available.

Tea will be served after both the U11 vs. U13 match and the Chairman vs. President match.

Ice cream van will be available between 11:00 – 13:00 and 16:00 – 18:00.

As always, a big crowd is expected so please invite family and friends for what should be the biggest/best event of the season.

Youth Presentation

The ever-popular Youth presentation evening is being held at Spring Farm Park on the 9th September. Come and celebrate this year's successes as U11, U12, U12 and U15 are awarded their accolades. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Dinner and Dance

The club's end of year award ceremony will be hosted at the new Ingerbourne Links Golf and Social Club. The date in question will be 11th of November. Ticket prices and other information will be available. A date for your calendars.

Funding

We have been successful with our funding application with the Postcode Community Trust and we have been awarded £2,000 towards the renovation of the bowlers run up to the nets.

Unfortunately, our application with Sport England was unsuccessful which still leaves us around £4,000 short of our £10,000 target.

We were originally looking to have this work done and it would be good to support our next 3 social events which would help raise more money for the club to contribute towards this scheme, so

please leave your diaries open for the 80s night on 12th August, the fantastic President's day on Sunday 27th August (homemade cakes have been promised), which just gets better year on year and finally support the youth presentation night on Saturday 9th September.

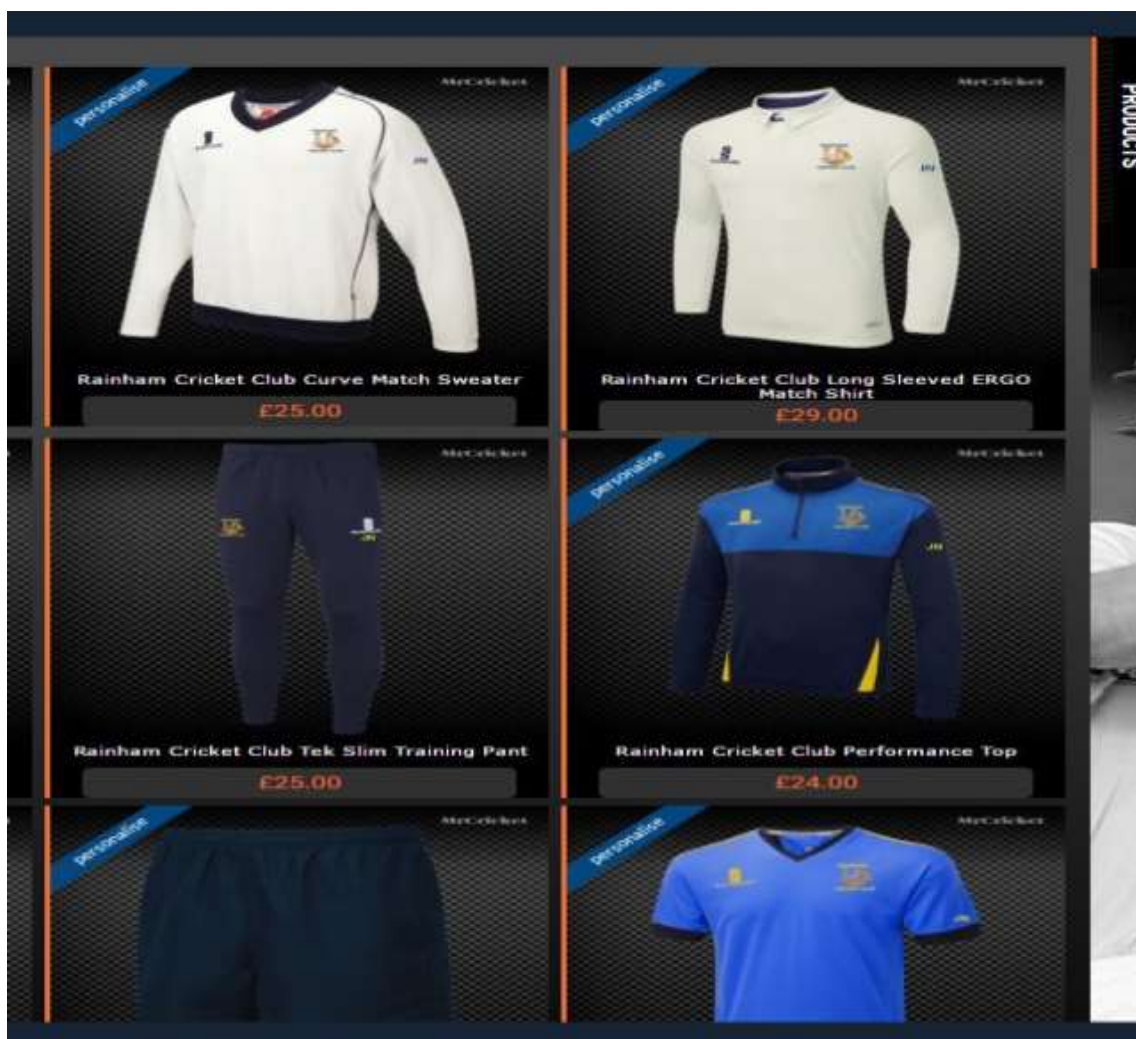
Buy a Brick

A reminder that bricks are still available to purchase at a price of £20. Register your interest by writing your name on the notice board's list. The big reveal is planned to take place during President's day. A fantastic opportunity to make sure your name is a part of the club for the rest of time...

Order Kit Online

It is not too late to order yourself some of Rainham's fine garments!!! The website, the link of which can be found below, requires the password "RAINHAM112" before you are directed to the personal Rainham store.

<http://www.mrcricketshop.co.uk/cricket/club-shop/rainham-cricket-club/>



"FUN 15"

Rainham's very own 'mini skipper', Charlie Puncher, has been given the task of answering the FUN 15 this month. Charlie's devotion to the gym has paid dividends in recent seasons as his ever-growing biceps allow him to hit boundaries that some at Rainham can only dream of. Not only is Charlie destructive with the bat, but also the ball with his tricky left arm off spin which has seen him come 1 short of a fifer (and a club tie) more than 10 times...



Name & Club History

Charlie puncher playing for rainham since I was 12 years old played for all three senior teams and under 15 coach.

Cricketing Hero

Alastair cook, he's absolute class although he is a watchful batsman just to watch a highlights package of his innings is up there with the best.

Favourite Club Ground(s)

Spring farm park home of RCC, only real batsman can clear that boundary

Best Innings

96 against HABCC although being 4 runs short of ton no point knocking singles so when for big shot and surprise I was caught at cow corner. (Shock)

Best Bowling

4-22 for the ones, the reason this is my favourite is because most of my other 4 fers have been for the thirds and seconds but for the 1st is a big achievement for myself as I wouldn't see myself in the same category of spinners in the club for example Biren Patel, Bhavik Patel and Alex Sulla... joking just them two.

Best Catch/Fielding

My best catch was against Navestock for the twos in a massive game for the season and hasham was bowling and I was at second slip and sully was at first slip and the batsman nicked it I'm between us and knowing sully he was either not going move or kick it , I went for it and thankfully it stuck.

Club Mate Most Like Batting With

I like batting with Harry light as other the past couple of seasons he has been my skipper and when ever I have a got a big score he has always been there batting with me at one stage and has helped me get a large sum of my scores.

Club Mate Least Like Batting With

Sorry Ronnie it has to be you , I've been playing with Ronnie for many years now and he seems to always find a way to run me out . So I'm sorry Ron although u are a class batsman your running is up there with Biren and Sids.

Best of Times in Cricket

When all 3 teams win and to go back to the club and all celebrate as a team and a club is the best times in my RCC career.

Worst of Times in Cricket

Has to be getting in the final with the Sunday 1st last season after working so hard all through out the season and then to fall at the final hurdle was gutting for the club but we go again this year.

Funniest Moment in Cricket

Seeing Umer to walk out to the middle no matter what the situation is you know he will be back soon.

Your Song to Enter the T20 Arena

Lean and bop j hus

Your Perfect Tea

It has to be Debbie lights tea nothing better, enough said.

The Best Thing About Rainham CC

You go to away games and the players are there to play cricket then they go home but rainham isn't like most clubs everyone is friends and the social side is just as good as the cricket itself.

Your Rainham Career in 10 or Less Words

Hopefully more to come and help the club Progress.

Your Future Vision for Rainham CC

To hopefully get the youngsters coming through the youth section to be successful in the adult teams and for the teams to keep progressing through the leagues.

Chairman's Notes

So we approach the final 4 weeks of the season, its flown by and its fair to say another superb season is nearing its conclusion.

All teams enjoying success and the club is growing structurally with improvements to the clubhouse and investment into the cricketing side also.

Presidents day looms large and for those that have just joined the club or been living in a cave in Afghanistan, it is simply a wonderful day , where we can truly see the growth of the club.

Diversity in ethnicity, religion , age and gender, all integrated into ensuring Rainham cricket club are truly on Fire.

(Don't plan too much on the Monday morning LOL).

Diversity never better demonstrated with the ladies aerobics and mixed softball at the club. Really is something special right now.

We have also confirmed the 2nd post season tour to Alicante and this year 6 days with a cricket tournament over the weekend at La Manga.

Some questions still unanswered from last year:

- 1) Has the club compensated the hotel for damage to Skippers bathroom ?
- 2) Has Joe found his cherry ?
- 3) Has Biren worked out the meaning of life?
- 4) Is the future of Kashmir at last decided ?
- 5) Has Jas learnt respect for Spanish cricket ?
- 6) Has Umar realised police watches do not mean women ?
- 7) Can our chairman find more designer bargains?
- 8) Will Tony reestablish his sheep shearing fetish ?
- 9) Will Harry learn to bat on the pitch and not in the Hotel hallway at 4am and aim his vomit more accurately to completely cover the 6 year old at the bus stop.
- 10) Will Jamie Adkins stop bowling the long hops that forced me to swim out into pike invested waters.

Anyway we have a larger group travelling and as the tour was so intense last year we've drafted in Keith light as a non cricketing tour member to keep things relaxed.

Lets all push this season over the line and as ever , I'll see you in the slips.

Brearley (Waugh)